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APPLICANTS' STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir,

As required under 37 C.F.R. §1.133(b) Applicants submit a statement of the substance of the interview of August 9, 2007.

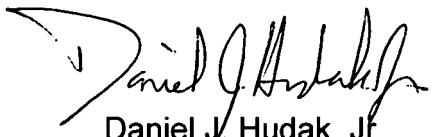
During the interview, claims 1, 2, 5, 9-14 and 19-22 were discussed. The prior art of record utilized by the Examiner to reject the claims under 35 USC § 102(a) and 103(a) was discussed. The general thrust of the principal arguments presented to the Examiner were substantially the same as the arguments presented in Applicants' Amendment "D" received in the Patent Office on June 12, 2007, which is of record in the application. Applicants' representative pointed out that the Schlensker reference does not have a strip-shaped wall having a linear vertical cross section, wherein the curved edge section and the lateral wall join in a common wall section as claimed, and wherein the lateral wall upper wall section, which is specifically defined as extending upward from the common wall section, is parallel to the common wall section lower end. The Applicants' representative further explained, with respect to claim 2, that Applicants' claimed lateral wall, which has a linear vertical cross section as defined in independent claim 1, is connected with the curved edge section tangentially. As known to those of ordinary skill in the art in geometry, a line is tangent to a curve, at some point, if both the line

and curve pass through the point with the same direction. First it was explained that Schlensker does not include the claimed linear lateral wall, i.e., Applicants' line. Furthermore, it was explained that the curved edge section of Schlensker does not connect to the Schlensker lateral wall section tangentially.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy of granting an interview to Applicants' representative.

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